

SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHNA)

BOARD MEETING

7:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Dale Heights Church

Minutes for Approval

Board members in attendance: Mary Beth Dunning, Jeff Schneider, Jeanette Tierney, Bill Fitzpatrick, Kim McBride, Aaron Crandall, Stan Fuka, Barbara Schultz Becker

Others in attendance: Herman Felstehausen, Liz Freitick

Meeting called order/Introductions

This is the first board meeting since Greg Hull resigned as president. The meeting was called to order by Aaron Crandall, vice president/acting president.

At this meeting, after a review of the SHNA bylaws regarding board member elections, Aaron was elected board president until the board elections at the SHNA Spring Membership Meeting in April.

Approval of meeting minutes

November meeting minutes approved, as corrected.

Sharing of neighborhood area news

Kim McBride shared that her husband has been clearing snow to make an ice rink off the shore of Merrill Spring Park this winter—thank you Pat!

Liz Freitick shared that someone has been doing a similar thing on Kettle Pond.

Treasurer's Report—Bill Fitzpatrick

Bill reviewed the final budget for 2015. Mary Beth Dunning still needs to send \$100 donation to Shorewood Hills in appreciation of the antique fire truck leading the parade. The report was approved as presented.

Bill presented the 2016 budget and highlighted the Merrill Spring fund (for contribution toward future improvements to the historic cistern area and other park improvements)

Bill was asked if it was necessary to have separate line items for the rain garden and garden/park planting fund. He said that it was to document separate fundraising efforts.

After a short discussion on the process of approving budgets, there was general agreement to adopt the practice to introducing changes to the budget at the January board meeting, allow time for discussing the proposed changes and then finalize the budget at the March meeting. The treasurer will present the finalized budget that the spring membership meeting.

Spring General Membership Meeting

There was a discussion about the agenda for the meeting, which will include the election of board members. Herman Felstehausen brought up the need to announce the change in the board leadership.

In the spring newsletter, there will be an announcement about board elections, openings on the board, and the proposed slate of candidates. There will also be an announcement that anyone may run for any of the positions and information about whom to contact to have a name added to the slate. There will also be a general call for volunteers to fill open event chairs (in particular, the neighborhood yard sale) and positions on committees.

The date of the spring membership meeting was set for Tuesday, April 19. Mary Beth will reserve the Spring Harbor Middle School Gym for the meeting. Jeanette will contact a potential speaker, whom she heard talk about volunteerism.

The timeline for the newsletter publication was set, and there was a brief discussion about newsletter article assignment. Articles are due to Liz by 3/18, and the newsletter will be ready for distribution two weeks before the membership meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the increase in newsletter printing costs, as shown in the Treasurer's Report. Liz said that this is partially due to the 200 newsletters now being delivered to the University Crossing apartments. Mary Beth will check with the apartment leasing office to confirm the number needed for distribution and the possibility of distributing an electronic version.

Indian Hills Gathering—Aaron Crandall

Aaron (who organizes this event) proposed moving the event from mid-May to a time when the weather is warmer and on a weekend when it doesn't conflict with the garden club plant sale and UW graduation. After a brief discussion about scheduling conflicts, the date was set for Sunday, June 12. The event will be advertised in the newsletter and electronic notices will be sent. Aaron will not be renting a tent this year due to city restrictions.

Neighborhood Logo—Aaron Crandall

Aaron raised the idea of having a neighborhood logo for use on letterhead, certificates, etc. Aaron found online a version of the image on the current neighborhood sign but it is not print quality. Mary Beth will check with the city to see who owns the image and how to get a higher resolution image. Stan Fuka (a graphic artist) said he may be able to improve the quality of the image. Bill will look in his records to see if he has an electronic copy of a logo used by the neighborhood association in the past.

Development—Herman Felteshausen

Herman gave an update on existing and potential house construction projects along Lake Mendota Drive.

Herman reported neighbor concerns about potential car/ bicycle collisions on Lake Mendota Drive at Spring Court. Herman said it may be worth having Transportation Engineering do a study of the area. Herman will talk to Transportation Engineering.

Herman mentioned that our neighborhood is developing a reputation for expertise in bioretention. [He has been contacted by the Marquette Neighborhood, which is having similar runoff issues.] Herman said our neighborhood has the largest collection of bioretention areas and that the grit chambers on University Avenue and the matting and runoff protection has been a good idea.

Next meeting—March 8

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning